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Notice

The annual tax, payable by the holders of any form of certificate entitling them to practice any system of the healing art in the State of California, will be due January 1, 1921, and delinquent sixty days thereafter. Failure to pay the tax within the period specified automatically revokes a certificate, and a penalty fee of \$10.00 is required for reinstatement.

TITHES

"Render unto Caesar," etc.

From time to time it is advisable to publish some of the essential requirements of membership in the State Medical Society.

In the first place, it is necessary to be a licensee in the State of California.

An officer in the Army or Navy can not join the State Society unless he has a state license from the Board of Medical Examiners. He may become an honorary member of a County Society. This gives him no standing in the state organization.

A fellow of the American Medical Association, or a member of another State Society can not transfer into our State Society. He must enter as a member of a county unit, and pay his full dues. Our dues are more and give more in return than others do.

Every member must be licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

A member in good standing can join the Indemnity Defense Fund by paying \$30. This is no yearly assessment, but periodic, probably lasting four or five years.

The physician must pay many dues and taxes to maintain his proper relation to the federal, state and municipal governments.

You must pay your narcotic tax and your municipal license, as a matter of course. If you fail in doing this, the government in question will look into your case.

But if you fail to pay your state tax, a sum of

two dollars which goes to the State Board of Medical Examiners, you forfeit your license to practise medicine.

To be in good standing in the State Medical Society, to receive Medical Defense, to be a member of the fund, you must pay your state tax and your county dues.

DON'T FORGET THIS! DO IT NOW!

THE LEGISLATURE

We assume that every doctor, like every other good citizen, knows the members of the legislature from his district. These members are assembled now at Sacramento. They will be deluged with requests from many quarters to introduce a motley variety of bills.

There is no profession whose work enters so intimately into every field of life as the work of the medical profession; and, therefore, there is no profession whose work can be so easily hampered by thoughtless legislation as the work of the medical profession. To prevent the legislature from enacting pernicious legislation we must be vigilant.

There are many agencies sincerely interested in health work that are eagerly promoting new health programs. Some of these health programs exploit the doctor and are impractical of administration. When such are introduced you will be informed so that you may inform your representative.

Although the cultists and quacks were decisively defeated at the general election on November 2, there is evidence that they will annoy the legislature and endeavor to secure by wheedling what they failed to secure by direct appeal to the people.

Your co-operation should be given promptly to the League for the Conservation of Public Health which, during the forty-third session of the legislature, opposed and defeated a great variety of bills that contained lurking dangers and effectively supported constructive legislation. The same spirit of service for the common good will govern the League during the forty-fourth session.